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Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Keiichi KEYAKI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3677  
Application No.: 10/663,753 ) Examiner: J. Lavinder  
Filed: September 17, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 3823  
For: A SLIDER FOR A CONCEALED )  
SLIDE FASTENER )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 21, 2005, and pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, the period for response having been extended by a request for extension of one (1) month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the amendments and remarks as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.